

CSWC Operational Period Summary

1800 February 14 2015 to 0600 February 15 2015



Owens Valley on 02/08/15
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SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – National

Snow, Dangerous Winds, Cold Strikes New England Again

(AP) Snow and dangerously high winds were roaring to New England in the dark of night to face an army of road crews and emergency workers Sunday who had readied themselves for the fourth winter onslaught in less than a month. The odds favored the ominous weather. More than 6 feet of snow already stood in some areas from previous storms; a blizzard warning was in effect for coastal communities from Connecticut to Maine into Monday; and a bone-chilling blast of cold, with lows of minus 10 degrees was in the Sunday night forecast in parts of the region. Before it is all over, southern New England could get 8 to 14 inches of snow and Maine could see up to 2 feet, weather forecasters said. The bad weather going into the weekend spanned several states — winter storm warnings extended west into Michigan and Ohio, where whiteout conditions led to a pileup on the Ohio Turnpike that killed at least two people. Another storm-related crash on the New York Thruway south of Buffalo killed one person.

FBI Monitoring Investigation of Fire At Houston Islamic Center

(Reuters) The FBI is monitoring an investigation into a fire that destroyed a building at an Islamic institute in Houston and could take a more active role, a bureau spokeswoman said on Saturday. The blaze early on Friday at the Quba Islamic Institute destroyed one of three buildings there, but no one was injured, fire officials have said. The institute has continued operating since the blaze. Houston Fire Department arson investigators were working to pinpoint the cause of the fire, but no official determination has been made, officials said. The fire came days after a gunman shot dead three young Muslims near the University of North Carolina. The incident drew international attention and Muslim activists urged authorities to investigate it as a possible hate crime.

SITUATION SUMMARY

Significant Events – International

Police Kill Man Believed Behind 2 Shootings in Copenhagen

(AP) Danish police shot and killed a man early Sunday who likely carried out shooting attacks at a free speech event and a synagogue in Copenhagen that left two people dead. Investigator Joergen Skov told reporters that "nothing at this point suggests there were other perpetrators" in the shootings that also left five police officers wounded. The dramatic events that unfolded in Copenhagen stirred fears that another terror spree was underway in a European capital a month after 17 people were killed in Paris attacks. Skov said the gunman was killed in a firefight with police in the Noerrebro district of Copenhagen. No police were wounded in that shooting. Police said it was possible the gunman had planned the "same scenario" as in the Charlie Hebdo massacre. Leaders across Europe condemned the violence and expressed support for Denmark. Sweden's security service said it was sharing information with its Danish counterpart, while U.S. National Security Council spokeswoman Bernadette Meehan said U.S. officials were ready to help with the investigation and have been in touch with their Danish counterparts.

Ukraine Crisis: Fighting Subsides After Ceasefire

(BBC News) Fighting in east Ukraine has subsided but not stopped since a ceasefire came into effect, the warring parties say. Spokesmen for both the government and the pro-Russian rebels said some shelling had continued, mainly around the besieged town of Debaltseve. But both sides say the truce that came into effect at midnight (22:00 GMT Saturday) is largely holding. Fierce battles raged near the Debaltseve - a key transport hub - in the hours leading up to the truce. Analysts point out that previous truces initially appeared to be holding, and say the next 48 hours are critical. Ukrainian President Petro Poroshenko, Russian President Vladimir Putin, French President Francois Hollande and German Chancellor Angela Merkel brokered the agreement on Thursday after lengthy talks in the Belarusian capital Minsk.

Carnival Parade in Germany Canceled Because of Terror Threat

(AP) Police in the German city of Braunschweig have cancelled a popular Carnival street parade because of fears of an imminent Islamist terror attack. Police spokesman Thomas Geese said police received credible information that there was a "concrete threat of an attack" on Sunday's parade and therefore called on all visitors to stay at home. Braunschweig's Carnival parade is the biggest one in northern Germany and draws around 250,000 visitors each year. Geese said the parade was canceled only 90 minutes before its scheduled start and that "many people arriving at the train station were already dressed up and very disappointed -- but we didn't want to take any risks." Carnival is celebrated in many regions of Germany with parades, music, revelers dressing up in costumes and dancing in the streets.



SITUATION SUMMARY

Highly Pathogenic H5N8 Avian Influenza Confirmed in Commercial Chicken and Duck Flock, Kings County

US Department of Agriculture (USDA) and California Department of Food and Agriculture (CDFA) have confirmed the presence of Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI) EA H5N8 virus in a commercial chicken and duck flock in Kings County. The virus was investigated upon after a flock was experiencing steadily increasing mortality. In response, the facility was officially quarantined and the USDA confirmed that the birds are completely enclosed with no access to the outside. Samples have been taken from infected bird houses and have been sent to the National Veterinary Services Laboratories (NVSL) who confirmed that the sequence is 99% similar to the H5N8 detected in late January.

- All Live Bird Markets (LBM) receiving birds from this premises are being identified and sampling has been initiated with healthy birds.
- Three additional Live Bird Markets have fulfilled the requirements established to be able to restock the birds.
- Samples collected in the LBM system prior to depopulation or sell-down have been reported negative.
- Samples collected from a Control Area Commercial Premises ready-to-market have been reported negative, and will continue testing every-other-day until push-out has completed.
- CDFA/USDA is proceeding with depopulation of infected birds.
- There are currently no requests for assistance.

Weather of Concern

No significant Weather Watches or Warnings are in effect.

Active Weather Warnings, Watches and Advisories by County: http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/sto/brief/wwa_bc_cal.php

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- SOC / Inland REOC remains activated in support of 2014 Drought

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA AND CENTRAL COASTAL AREAS:

Eureka Weather:

A ridge over the West Coast will bring Northwest California dry weather and above normal temperatures for the next few days. Patchy valley fog is expected to form each night and last into the morning.

Medford Weather:

Fog will be limited this morning, Monday morning, and again Tuesday morning due to the dry air mass. Monday evening through Thursday, a southerly stratus surge will bring some fog and drizzle for near coastal areas. Early morning valley low clouds and fog are expected to increase through Thursday. As the upper level ridge shifts westward late next week into next weekend, temperatures should moderate, trending downward, to closer to normal.

Reno Weather:

High pressure building off the California coast through Monday will expand inland by midweek, keeping dry conditions and light winds in place. Temperatures will cool off a few degrees through Monday, and then warm up again for the middle of the week.

San Francisco Weather:

Little change is forecast through today with continued warm and dry weather expected across the region. Slightly cooler conditions will develop on Monday and Tuesday but temperatures will remain above normal through the week. In addition, dry conditions will persist through the week as high pressure remains anchored over California.

WEATHER

WEATHER SYNOPSIS BY REGION:

CENTRAL CALIFORNIA AND SOUTHERN SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY

Sacramento Weather:

Dry weather with above normal temperatures will continue through this week under high pressure ridging. Patchy morning fog is possible across the central portions of the Southern Sacramento and Northern San Joaquin Valleys each morning but will burn off by noon.

Hanford Weather:

High pressure over California will keep dry conditions and above normal temperatures across the region through next week. Patchy fog will also be possible in the San Joaquin Valley each night and morning hours.

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA:

Los Angeles Weather:

A cooling trend is expected through Tuesday as onshore flow returns. However, temperatures will remain a bit above normal in most areas. Night through morning low clouds and fog will become a bit more widespread in coastal and lower valley areas through Tuesday. Weak offshore flow may bring some warming Wednesday, and then cooling is expected through the weekend as the upper high moves east and a weak upper low approaches the coast.

Extreme Southwestern California Including Orange, San Diego, Western Riverside and Southwestern San Bernardino Counties:

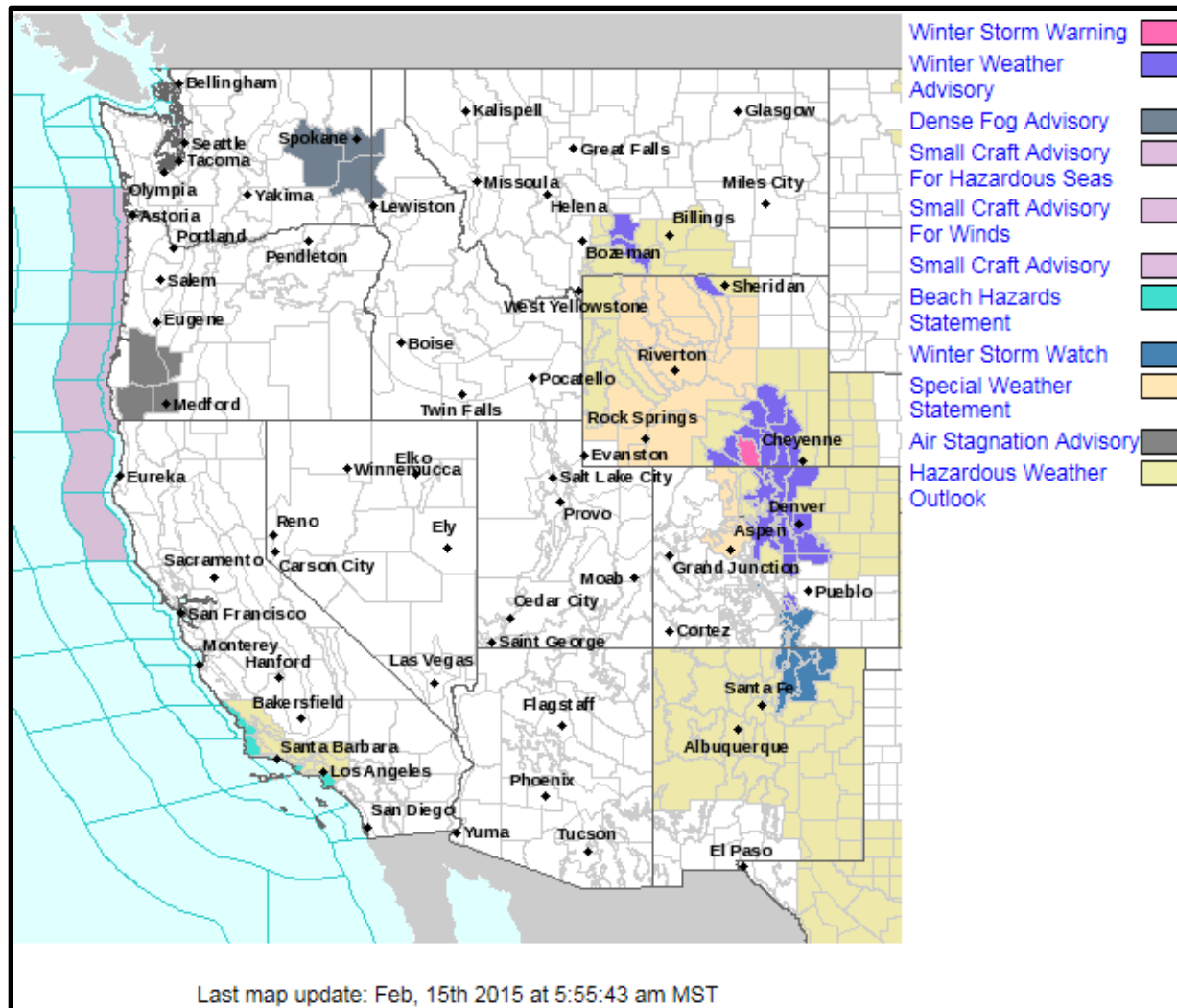
Weakening high pressure aloft over Southern California will bring slow cooling through Tuesday with little change for Wednesday and Thursday. The marine layer with night and morning coastal low clouds and fog will return late tonight and continue into next weekend. A trough of low pressure from the north could bring additional cooling and small chances for precipitation for next weekend.

Southeast California Weather:

Dry flow from the north will move into the region today with clearing skies and cooler temperatures Monday and Tuesday. High pressure will return by midweek for slightly warmer weather through Friday.



STATE WEATHER MAP



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FIRE ACTIVITY



Preparedness Levels

National Preparedness Level 1

Northern California

Preparedness Level 1, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 1

Southern California

Preparedness Level 2, Multi-Agency Coordination System MACS Mode 2

California Fire Potential & Weather Maps

Southern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/8>

Northern California 7 Day Significant Fire Potential

<http://psgeodata.fs.fed.us/7day/action/forecast/10>

California Fire Weather Map Watches and Warnings

<http://www.wrh.noaa.gov/firewx/main.php>

NWS California River Forecast Center:

<http://www.cnrfc.noaa.gov/>

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Magnitude 6.0 Earthquake, American Canyon, Napa County

- Cal OES and FEMA announced that the Major Disaster declaration for the South Napa earthquake will also include the Individuals and Households Program under the Stafford Act. This amendment makes assistance available to help homeowners and renters recover from the earthquake.
- As a result of President Obama's major disaster declaration, the U.S. Small Business Administration declared Napa and Solano counties, making residents and business owners eligible to apply for low-interested physical loss disaster loans. This declaration also made available low-interest Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for businesses to apply in the primary counties of Napa and Solano, as well as the contiguous counties of Contra Costa, Lake, Sacramento, Sonoma, and Yolo.

Recovery Activities

Public Assistance

- RPA: 63 RPAs were received by Cal OES of which 5 withdrew resulting in 58 applications submitted to FEMA. There have been 10 withdrawals and one ineligible determination since, for a total of 47 FEMA approved open applications.
- Kickoff Meeting: There is 1 applicant remaining to be scheduled once through FEMA's review queue.
- Currently, 107 PWs are entered into the federal database system, 85 of which have been obligated.
- Exit Briefing: 19 applicants have had Exit briefings conducted.

Individual Assistance

- The FEMA and State VAL continue to work with nonprofit organizations in Napa and Solano Counties regarding Long Term Recovery efforts. The United Methodist Committee on Relief (UMCOR) is providing funds to hire initial case management staff for the Napa Earthquake Recovery Group (aka, eNERGy) and the Vallejo Earthquake Recovery Group (VERG). Both Long Term Recovery Groups are seeking funds from partner agencies to assist with unmet needs.
- Assistance Centers – The Local Assistance Center (LAC) in Napa transitioned to an SBA DLOC on Tuesday 12/30/14. The smaller operation maintains a presence by SBA staff. Hours of operation are 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

2014 Statewide December Winter Storms

On 12/22/14, Governor Brown proclaimed a State of Emergency in Marin, Mendocino, San Mateo, and Ventura Counties to allow Caltrans to formally request immediate assistance through FHWA's ER Program in order to obtain federal assistance for highway repairs or reconstruction for damages sustained as a result of the statewide storms impacting California. After assessing the damages, Caltrans is requesting the Governor update his proclamation to include Alameda, Contra Costa, Del Norte, Humboldt, Lake, Los Angeles, Monterey, Orange, San Francisco, Santa Clara, Shasta, Sonoma, Tehama, and Yolo Counties. Cal OES' Recovery Section conducted an assessment to verify the Counties of Lake, Marin, San Mateo, Sonoma, and Tehama's Public Assistance estimates for debris removal, emergency work, and permanent restoration of public facilities in order to determine potential eligibility for State funding.

RECOVERY ACTIVITIES

Round Fire, Inyo and Mono Counties

- Per the onsite Southern Region Field Representative, the Round Fire incident has transitioned from response to recovery.
- Cal OES Individual Assistance liaison, along with representatives from Department of Motor Vehicles, Department of Insurance, Board of Equalization, and California State Licensing Board are offering services at the Local Assistance Center, in the Crowley Community Center, Crowley Lake CA. County Social Services and Public Health Vital Records are on site.
- The center is scheduled to be operational 0700-1900 hours 02/12/15 through 02/15/15; dates will be extended if necessary.
- The American Red Cross and Salvation Army continue offer their support services.
- Southern Region Field Representative ESC demobilized 02/13/15.
- The Southern Region Duty Officer continues to monitor the situation and provide update if needed.

CAL OES 2014 DROUGHT

Cal EOC Incident – 2014 Drought

- The SOC, Inland, Coastal, and Southern REOCs and the Santa Barbara County EOC are activated in support of the Drought State of Emergency and continue to monitor the situation.
- The Governor issued an Executive Order on 09/19/14, to streamline relief efforts for families with drinking water shortages due to drought. Specifically, through the California Disaster Assistance Act, to provide temporary water supplies to households without water for drinking and/or sanitation purposes.
- CDAA 2014 Drought Fact Sheet and Frequently Asked Questions provided to Regions for reference and distribution.
- Cal OES Recovery continues to coordinate a biweekly state interagency conference call regarding drought community impacts.
- Regional (Inland, Coastal, Southern) conference calls will occur once a month beginning February 9, 2015.
- On 02/04/15, the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) approved a Fast Track Drought Disaster Designation naming 55 of the 58 California Counties as primary counties and the remaining three (Del Norte, Imperial, San Francisco) as contiguous counties. This designation makes farm operators in all 58 California counties eligible to apply for USDA Farm Service Agency (FSA) emergency loan assistance. As a result of this designation, the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) declared and approved Economic Injury Disaster Loans (EIDL) for small, nonfarm businesses in the 58 counties. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought. The application deadline for both the USDA and SBA loan programs is 10/05/15.
- On 02/04/15, USDA approved a Fast Track Drought Disaster Designation for certain counties in the State of Nevada also naming the California counties of Alpine, El Dorado, Inyo, Lassen, Modoc, Mono, Nevada, Placer, San Bernardino, and Sierra as contiguous counties. This designation makes farm operators in these 10 California counties eligible to apply for USDA FSA emergency loan assistance. As a result of this designation, the SBA declared and approved EIDLs for small, nonfarm businesses in the 10 California contiguous counties. These loans offset economic losses because of reduced revenues caused by the drought. The application deadline for both the USDA and SBA loan programs are 10/05/15.

CAL OES MISSIONS

New Cal OES Missions

- **2015-LAW-8676, 02/14/15**, Lake County Sheriff's Office requesting Type-II Ground Searchers and Area K-9s to assist in the search for a missing, possibly suicidal, 59 year old male near north of the town of Hidden Valley Lake. Cal OES LDO coordinating resources. **Mission Ongoing**



Mission:

We protect lives and property, build capabilities, and support our communities for a resilient California.

We achieve our mission by serving the public through effective collaboration in preparing for, protecting against, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating the impacts of all hazards and threats.